

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-10 presently stand rejected.

The Examiner has indicated that Applicant's request to correct the inventorship of the application is deficient because the oath or declaration by each inventor or inventors has not been submitted. Applicant is submitting herewith a substitute Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the inventor.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-4 and 10 are objected to because of informalities. In response, Applicant has amended these claims in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

Objection to the Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of informalities. The Examiner has requested that the phrase "vocal recognition" be replaced with the phrase --speech recognition--. Applicant has amended the specification in this manner.

Claim Rejection Under Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Claims 1-10 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of copending Application No. 10/691,527.

As discussed at MPEP 804.B.1,¹ since this application is the first filed application,² Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the provisional double patenting rejection in this application and allow it to issue.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and immediate allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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¹ See MPEP at page 800-17.

² This application was filed as PCT/IT02/00183 on March 22, 2002, which is *before* the filing date of co-pending application No. 10/691,527. The PCT filing date is considered the U.S. filing date. See MPEP 1893.03(b) at MPEP 1800-199.